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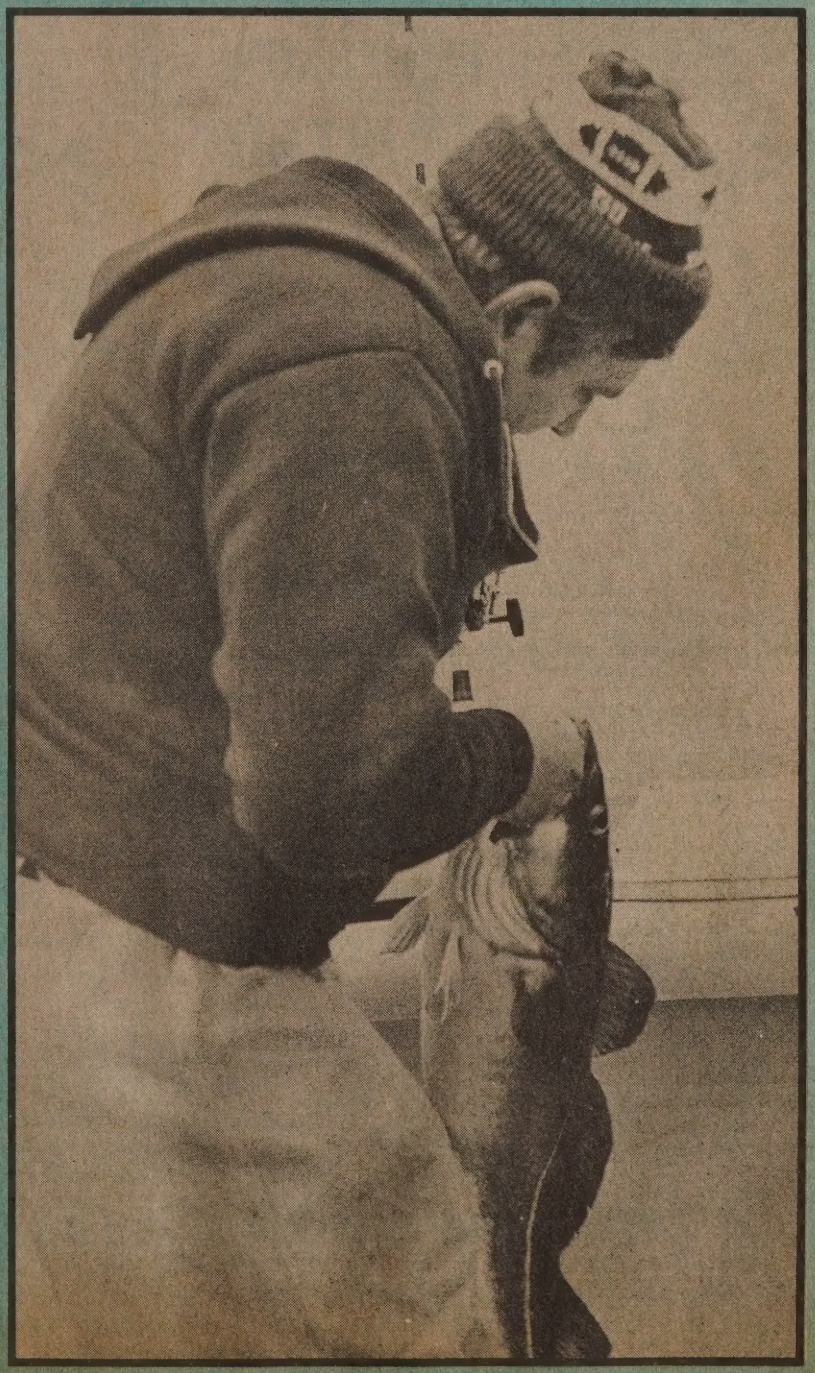

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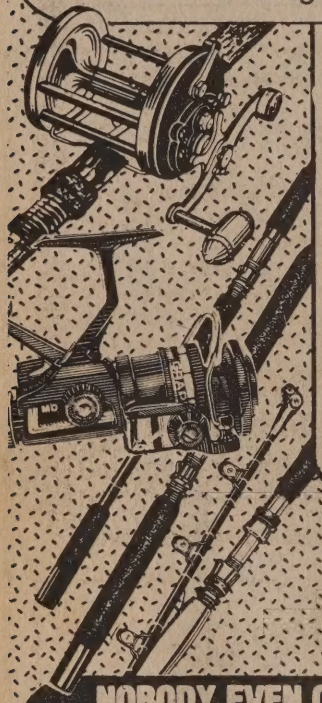

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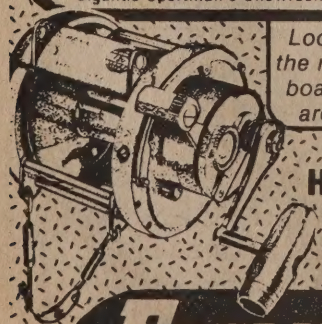

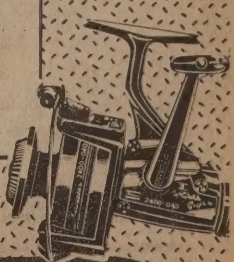

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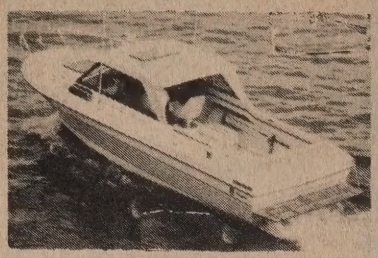

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The idea for sport fishing camp developed last year when I dropped by to visit Fred Golofaro, editor of The Fisherman. I told Fred about a shooting sports program for kids that was working successfully in upstate New York. I told Fred I'd like to do a similar program here on Long Island, but since we're on an island, make the focus sport fishing instead of shooting. In the shooting sports program, sportsmen volunteer time to introduce kids to trap and skeet shooting, as well as rifle and archery. I told Fred I'd like to get sport fishing clubs involved in a youth program. We wondered how to begin. Fred said, "You know, I've always wanted to start a sport fishing camp. I think there's a real need for it." At that moment 4-H and The Fisherman agreed to join forces. 4-H owns a camp on Long Island Sound and The Fisherman has the expertise and contacts to help make sportfishing camp a reality.

Last year we piloted the program. We accepted 45 kids, but had to turn away many more. The response we received was overwhelming. Kids and parents from all over were calling trying to get in. Building on the experience we gained in our first year's program, we're planning another camp for 1985.

The goal of our camp is to teach the basics, to give the kids enough experience so they'll be able to fish on their own when they get home. We also want to introduce them to a variety of fishing experiences, like fly tying, and lure making. We stress how to handle fish after they're caught, and how to clean and cook the catch as well.

We've been able to secure some funds to purchase some equipment for the camp. The first year we bought 20 spincasting outfits. We're in the process of purchasing additional equipment now. We want kids who do not own any equipment at all to be able to attend the camp. We'd rather have them use our equipment and learn about tackle from us before they go out and buy something that ends up being mismatched to their needs.

Our 4-H Camp is in Riverhead. It's located on the Sound, but we're also close to Peconic Bay and the Peconic River. We can offer a variety of fishing opportunities during the camp program. But to make our camp dream a reality we need instructors, people willing to spend a few hours with the kids, sharing their knowledge, teaching them skills. If you'd like to be involved in any way helping us with sport fishing camp, call Fred at The Fisherman, or me at the 4-H Office (727-7850).

4-H exists in every county in the state. There are 4-H camps upstate as well. Someday we'd like to see sport fishing camps on the Great Lakes, or in the mountains or the Finger Lakes. Then we'll be able to introduce kids to New York's great variety of fishing opportunities.

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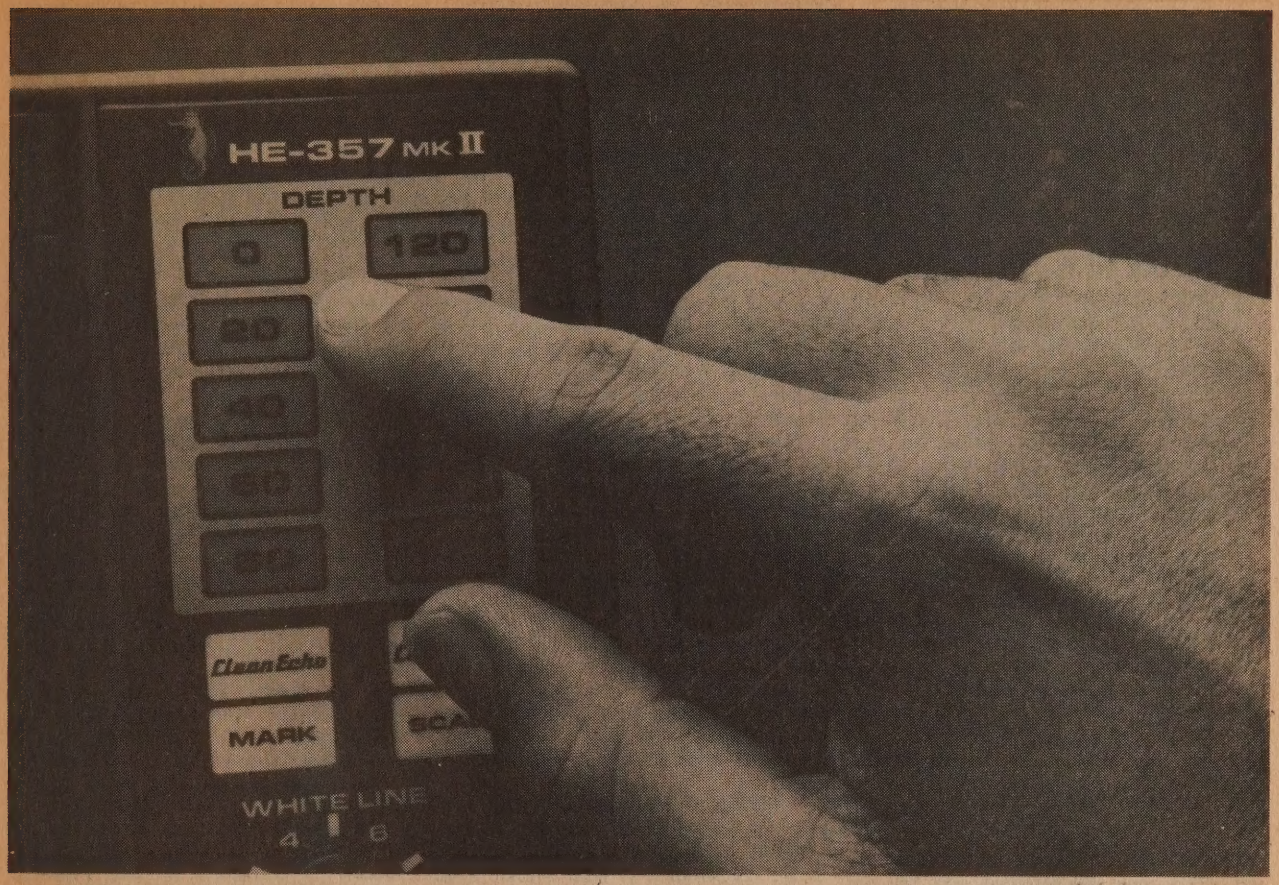

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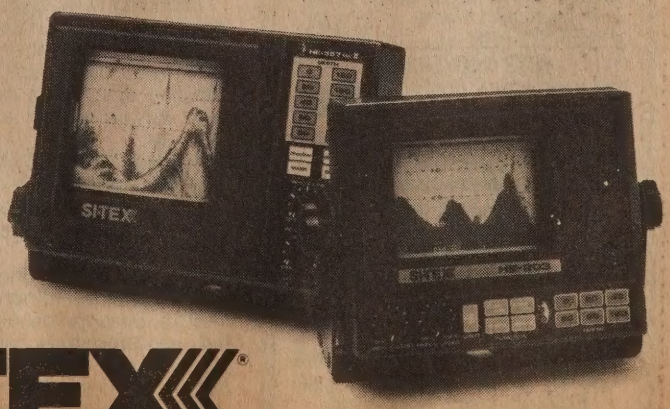

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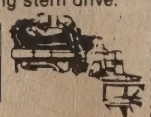

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"OUR ROUTINE" DRAWS CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION

I want to thank the many of you who took the time to write a letter about the recently published short story, "Our Routine."

There were so many letters, all more or less written along the same lines, that we can't reprint them all, so instead I'd like this to serve as a collective answer. As a writer it is heartwarming to have people tell you how much they enjoyed something you wrote. As a human being, I was deeply touched by the compassion and sensitivity expressed in those letters. Thank you.

However, it appears I owe all of you an apology. I had thought I made it clear that the story was fiction by referring to the first person singular as Pete. I had hoped that by doing so I established the piece as fiction. I did not intend to create an illusion of reality or mislead you. If I did, and by doing so stirred up old painful memories of a former fishing buddy now gone, I regret any pain I may have caused you. My intent was to relate through story, something of the flavor of surf fishing and the camaraderie of fishing in general. *Dr. W.A. Muller.*

DRAG SYSTEM CONTROLS FISHING SUCCESS

Good fishing can sometimes be a drag. Especially if you know what you're doing.

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Perhaps the No. 1 reason so many fish are lost is an improper drag setting. People who break world line class records do so because they know how to work a drag.

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Set the drag with the line running through the rod's guides. Never test a drag by pulling line directly in front of the spool. To get a true test, have someone hold the end of the line and apply pressure with the rod arched to see at what point the line slips. If you're using light line for big fish, you

D/J EXPANSION CHANNELS NEW FUNDS INTO SPORT FISHING

The Dingell/Johnson expansion became a reality on July 18, 1984 when President Reagan signed into law the Boating Safety and Sport Fish Restoration Act (Public Law 98-369). The legislation is expected to add $120 million annually to fisheries management and recreational boating programs nationwide.

The D/J Program currently totals about $35 million annually from a 10 percent manufacturers excise tax on certain items of fishing tackle. The money is collected by the Federal Government and distributed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to state agencies for fisheries work.

Public Law 98-369 directs up to $45 million per year of marine fuel tax receipts to boating safety. The States will get up to $30 million and the U.S. Coast Guard will receive up to $15 million. All the marine fuel taxes over $45 million will be directed into D/J Program. Fuel tax receipts total about $90 million, thus D/J would profit by $45 million.

The legislation extends the current 10 percent tax on certain fishing tackle to all fishing equipment. It also imposes a 3 percent tax on electric trolling motors and certain types of fish finders, increasing the D/J Program by about another $12 million per year. Duties on imported fishing tackle, boats, and pleasure craft ($20 million) will be diverted into the D/J Program. Coastal states will be required to use a fair and proportionate share of D/J funds on saltwater sport fish projects as well as freshwater fisheries programs. The states must use at least 10 percent of the new money to improve public access to recreational boating waters.

To finance the funding, the legislation establishes an Aquatic Resources Trust Fund to be known as the Wallop-Breaux Fund after Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming and Congressman John Breaux of Louisiana, who played critical roles in passage of the law.

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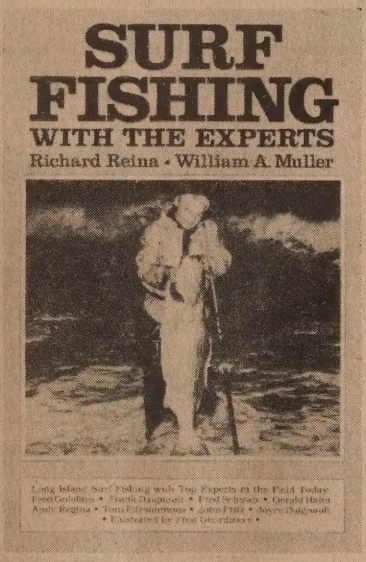

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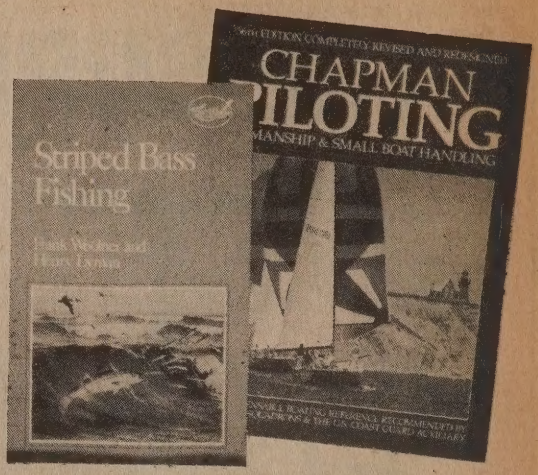

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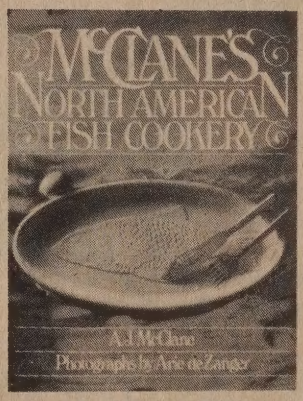

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A TIME FOR WRECKS

by Matt Ahern

All my fishing buddies know I'm a fanatic when it comes to keeping accurate fishing records. It is certainly true that these records have proven their weight in gold—and fish—many, many times over the years. So, recently, while going through the codfishing section, I was a mite surprised to find that many of my larger cod had been caught while fishing local wrecks.

I became interested as I delved into these records, and what began as something to do to pass a pleasant hour or two, turned out to be a major project. It took a little doing, but I finally broke the information down into the following categories:

Best fishing month: December, with the edge favoring the latter part of the month.

Heaviest cod: 37 pounds, caught on the Steel Wreck.

Average weight of largest fish: Sixteen pounds.

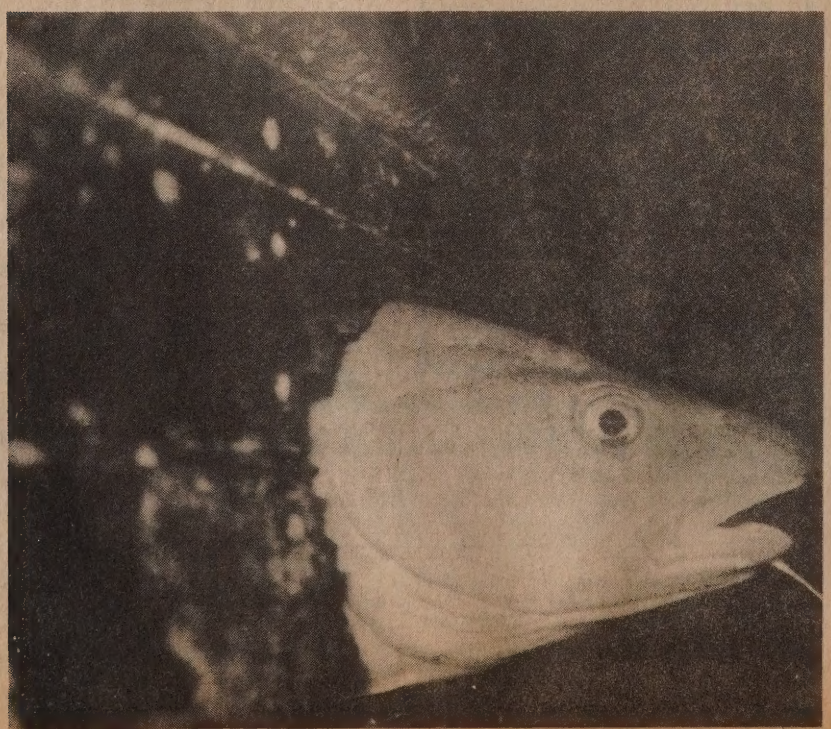
Greatest amount taken in one day: Fourteen, which were of mixed size and also came from the Steel Wreck.

Compared to codfishing at Montauk and the various special jaunts to offshore wrecks and banks, these fish would not even be considered in the running. But for winter codfishing along the South Shore and the New York Bight, where the average cod is often six to ten pounds, these fish become of interest to local fishermen.

These records also seem to indicate that there isn't much to be gained by wreck fishing before December, unless the fisherman is content with more blackfish and ling than cod; most cod seem to be on the inshore grounds before then. This is not a hard, fast rule, but it is usually so.

I have caught an occasional cod in late October on the Stone Barge while blackfishing. And I recall catching a 12 pound cod on the shallow water Howard Wreck off Jones Beach—actually within sight of the beach strollers. But this codfishing is a hit or miss proposition at best and shouldn't be depended upon.

There are other local wrecks that I'm sure produce cod, wrecks that are known to other fishermen and which I have never fished. Many party boats in all local ports specialize in wreck fishing; therefore, if a party boat enthusiast knows of one doing so, he should consider making a trip around the Holidays. These party boat skippers are past masters at the art of wreck fishing and if cod are about, they'll get them.



Actually, I started wreck fishing for cod late in my fishing life. During my early codfishing years, most all my fishing was done at such places at the Cholera Bank (unbelievable fishing then!), Southeast Grounds, The Farms, Angler Banks, Klondike Bank (what a sea bass hang out this area used to be!), McAllister Grounds, the deep water around the Ambrose Tower (Lightship in those days), the Subway Grounds, offshore Seabright and 17 Fathom Bank. These grounds still produce cod for the persevering fisherman.

I did get an occasional cod when wreck fishing in early spring and fall. They were never big fish and I considered them nothing more than strays. The thought never occurred to my fish-oriented brain to give those wrecks a try during winter.

That is, not until my life-long buddy Artie Leidecker bought his "Echo of The Morn" shortly after World War II. From then on I learned a lot about wreck fishing for cod, for Artie is about the best and shrewdest fisherman I know—and when it comes to cod, he is indeed hard to beat. He told me I was losing out on some of the best codfishing available and then proceeded to prove it at the first opportunity.

True, we don't spend every offshore trip over a wreck, but we make it a point to try the nearest one available when fishing various ledges and banks proves disappointing. For instance, if the fishing on the Cholera Bank is less than expected, we pull anchor and head for the Steel Wreck. Often fishing on the wrecks is slow, too, and if so, we take it in stride—no one can (or should) expect good fishing every day.

I find cod seem to cruise the outskirts of a wreck; we don't get many when fishing directly over it. Ling and blacks, yes, but not too many cod, and those we do catch are usually small—say under 10 pounds.

Because cod are rugged, sturdy tackle should be used. I find best results are obtained when using a rod with backbone to which has been added a matching revolving spool reel of good quality. Forget spinning gear entirely. The reel should be of good quality and filled with at least 150 yards of 30 pound test monofilament line.

Sinker weight varies not only from day to day, but sometimes hour to hour. Most fishermen get by with a bank sinker of eight to ten ounces, especially when using 30 pound mono. Naturally, the heavier the line, the heavier must be the sinker to combat tidal currents. I rarely use less than an eight ounce sinker for winter codfishing, even when currents are nil. (It is of prime importance to allow your bait to remain **still!** Moving bait, whether you're wreck fishing or not, produces few cod.)

The latter part of that paragraph you've just read is, to me, the most

important secret of wreck fishing for cod. Always strive for a dead line. I know this is sometims difficult to accomplish when the sea is proving its get-up-and go, but it can be done—within reason, of course, during difficult days. Be sure that sinker stays put; add extra weight to do so, if necessary. Wreck cod are highly suspicious.

At the risk of boring you to tears, I'm going to relate an incident that occurred several years ago in early November while fishing the Sugar Barrel off Long Beach. It will show the importance of a dead line.

Fishing was coming along fairly well that day until the incoming tide suddenly began to pick up speed. Fishing came to a grinding halt. I added sinkers until I reached the backbreaking weight of 22 ounces before the rig held bottom. But it was worth it. Until the other fishermen followed suit, not only was I the only one catching cod in that fierce current, but I also got the pool winner. A word to the wise is sufficient.

My favorite hook for codfishing, no matter where the fishing is done, has long been a 5/0 Sproat tied three feet above the sinker. If the tide is exceptionally strong, I use a three-foot leader.

This 5/0 hook can be placed on the line with the aid of a 4/0 or 5/0 three-way swivel, or "Quick-Rig" is desired. I wouldn't go in for any of the fancy hardware I see many codfishermen use. Remember, the cod is shy. I usually place the leader on the line with the above mentioned "Quick-Rig," but if I'm "out," I tie a simple double-overhand dropper loop. This is the knot one must be careful of: it must be drawn up slowly and seated properly to avoid the possible chance of cutting into the line, often with disastrous results. But when done as recommended, I've never had one bit of trouble when using it.

Bait is the easily obtained skimmer clam. I never use more than half an average-sized skimmer, or a third of a large one. I never overload my hook no matter how tempting the thought.

Another good bait for this wreck fishing for cod is a small, lively bergall hooked through the mouth and out the gill cover. The unscaled side of a medium-sized bergall, hooked once through the widest part, will also bring cod to gaff.

I find chumming unnecessary when wreck fishing as it usually serves to draw unwanted fish such as conger eels and dogfish. I do know one group of cod fanatics, however, who chum around wrecks and they swear by the method. The choice is yours.

So, before winter rings down a temporary curtain on most offshore fishing, think about taking a crack at wreck fishing for cod along the South Shore. Pick out a nice day (not too much wind), dress warmly, and give it a try. Win, lose or draw, winter codfishing is part of being a well-rounded fisherman.

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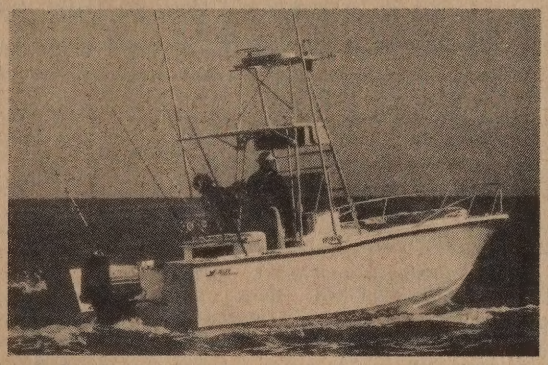

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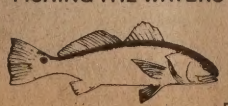

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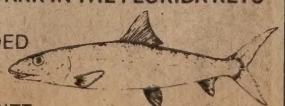

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TOO EARLY FOR CABIN FEVER

by Peter Hutnick

These close relatives of the striper provide some fine winter action while warding off the ills of cabin fever.

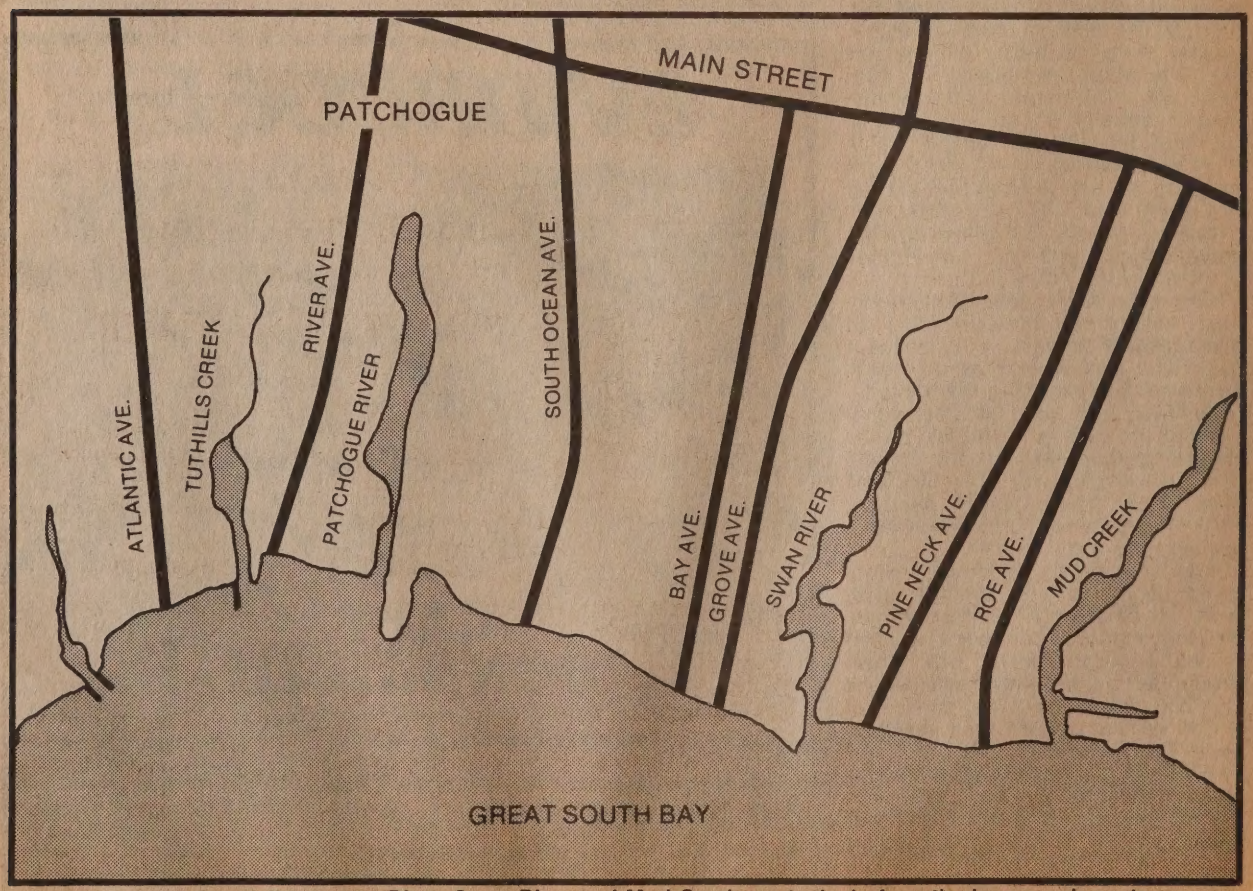
So what if the thermometer reads below the freezing mark and there's a threat of snow in the air. There are plenty of fish to be caught and best of all, you can do it with light ackle. You are probably saying to yourself, what is this guy talking about? What I'm talking about is a fish that can hit harder than a trout and whose initial run will warm your blood. On top of this, it's a mighty tasty tidbit. The fish I am talking about is the white perch.

White perch migrate into many of the rivers and streams on Long Island. So the next time you're watching Curt Gowdy and friends landing Blue Marlin off Cat Cay and your mind starts to wander, shake it off and grab your rod. White perch are an excellent cure for cabin fever.

These scrappers move into the Island's tributaries in the fall and stay until spring when they spawn. The majority of perch you encounter will be in brackish reaches of rivers like the Carll's (Babylon), Connetquot (Great River), Brown's River (Sayville), Carman's River (Yaphank) and the Nissequogue River in Smithtown. There are numerous smaller creeks which harbor perch and local tackle shops are usually a good source for this type of info. Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle, J&R Sport Center (Oakdale) and J&J Tackle in Patchogue are all known to cater to perch fans.

These fish are schooling fish, so once you catch one be ready for some fast action. The best time to fish is on the incoming or outgoing tide. White perch on the Island feed heavily on grass shrimp, sand eels, minnows and a large variety of worms and insects, which makes these fish a challenge to fly rodders.

Wet flies are best since most perch are feeding on or near the bottom. The most successful wet fly I've used was a weighted grass shrimp imitation. I usually find a school using live bait and then turn to my fly rod for some extra fun. It's best to use live bait first, since the perch will be more inclined to hit it, than a fly. To cover the most water, it is best to use a small boat or a canoe. A boat is not a



Tuthill's Creek, Patchogue River, Swan River and Mud Creek are typical of south shore perch spots.

must, but it may increase your catch. When using a boat, drift with the current with your bait on the bottom. Once you get a hit, anchor within casting distance. The rest is up to you. You will be moving around all day since a school usually doesn't stay around that long.

On the other hand fishing from shore can be very rewarding and in fact, my largest catch was made while fishing from shore. Start by fan casting a certain area and if you get no results, move down the bank 50 feet, then start all over again. If fishing from shore, it is a good idea to wear hip boots or chest-waders. Also, remember it's cold out there now and you don't want to get wet. So please take extra precautions when doing any winter fishing and like Mom always says, "make sure you dress extra warm!"

Once you find the fish, use as little weight as possible, but enough to get the bait down to where the fish are feeding. Perch will most likely hit the bait on the way down. The moment you feel a hit, set the hook hard and fast because white perch are notorious bait stealers. Don't think since it's cold out these fish will be lethargic. As mentioned earlier, the use of light tackle is the most rewarding. I would not go over six pound test and I prefer four pound test. Pack the line on reels such as the Penn 716Z, Cardinal 752 or Daiwa's 1000X.

I've found these reels to be more than adequate. The rod should match the reel and be between 5 and 5½ feet. As far as rod type, that depends on the angler. Fiberglass is more than adequate. I can't see spending anywhere from $50 to $100 on a graphite or boron rod for white perch. As far as hooks go, Eagle Claw Baitholder's are tops in sizes between ten through six; I'd go with a size 8 for best results.

More experienced fishermen might have noticed the rivers mentioned earlier also have trout in them. In the Connetquot, Carman and Nissequogue Rivers, you can catch and keep trout all year long. Speaking of these brackish water trout reminds me of the first time I ever went fishing for white perch. A very good friend of mine who also happens to be an excellent angler asked me if I would like to go perch fishing. I joined Phil Weaver for the day and between us, we landed over 50 white perch, weighing up to 2 pounds. Two pounds happens to be one very nice white perch. They normally average about one-half to a pound. Phil wound up catching a flounder and, lo and behold, a beautiful 16 inch brown trout. Being the great sportsman he is, Phil let it go. The chance of catching a big sea run trout is always a reality.

Earlier I mentioned that the white perch was a mighty tasty tidbit. The fish are bony, so it is best to pan fry or deep fry them. I'm sure you won't be disappointed. Neither will be you suffering the symptoms of cabin fever once you give this fishing a try.

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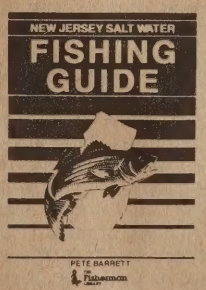

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SAND IN MY SHOES

by Al Kraus

A late season sojourn into the south shore surf produces some unexpected rewards.

My partner thought I was crazy! He maintained that you couldn't go fishing in the winter. Not here in New York, anyway. And not surfcasting in the first place! I merely smiled, arguing steadfastly that he was wrong, wrong as hell! I knew better. I had been there! You CAN go surfcasting in the winter, if you want to. Trouble is, nowadays nobody seems to want to! Today's anglers are spoiled. They've got things too easy, too soft. When I was young, we didn't have it so good, believe me. Things were tougher then. I drifted back in time as I envisioned a chubby, teenaged kid, bundled up against the cold and trying to fish a freezing surf. Two pairs of wool pants were the norm, donned over woolen long-johns. A scratchy, wool shirt, wool sweater, and wool mackinaw went on up top, the jacket's big collar turned up to ward off the wind. A woolen watch cap, pulled down over the ears, kept your head warm and wool gloves completed the wardrobe, fingertips cut off to allow some sensitivity to freezing fingers. All that wool was important; it not only kept you warm but did so even when wet, a boon to boatmen and beach rats alike. Trouble was, I was never really warm anyway, no matter how bundled up I was.

The only way to keep warm was to keep trying to cast with that old, split-bamboo Montague rod of mine—no small feat at best, with that heavy Ocean City reel attached, full of four-thread Irish linen line. The line was stronger wet than dry, but getting it wet was a problem. It burned a permanent groove in your thumb if you tried to thumb-down towards the end of a cast, and always had to be soaked beforehand with a short cast. Then, when wet, it threw a cold shower into your face as you cast, raising a special hell with eyeglass wearers, like yours truly. To top it off, the line had to be rinsed under cold running water after use, and dried out on a contraption called a line-spreader, to prevent fiber rot. What a way to go fishing, eh? Still, it was the best we had at that time and we caught fish, believe it or not. At one time you could catch all the whiting you wanted, right from the beach, off Coney Island. If you had three spearing-baited hooks, you'd catch three whiting; if you had four hooks, four fish, and so on. The spearing were purchased fresh, from a fish market on Gravesend Creek, right next to the Stella Maris Fishing Station.

Sometimes we caught mackerel from the beach, too, on the same baits and rigs used for the whiting and once in awhile, we got some big herring via the same route. There were always big skates to be had, and some pretty big sundials; these were incidental catches though, and yet they were never wasted. Skates would be shorn of their "wings" and the sundials were always filleted, before they were taken home. Off Rockaway one winter, we were treated to a codfish blitz, close to shore, right in the pocket where the Breezy Point jetty meets the beach. The cod were not huge, but a couple of times we went home with several in the eight to ten pound class, which ain't too bad at all. Parking Field No. 9 at Jones Beach was a particular cold weather favorite of many surfcasters at that time, but in retrospect I think it may have been more a matter of convenience than

anything else. There you had the luxury of the public rest room to change into or out of your foul weather suit, and it was a short walk from the car to the water. About the only thing we ever caught there was ling, but it sure was a beautiful place to fish from.

That's what I had in mind when I was trying to talk my partner into going fishing—Jones Beach, even though I didn't really have high hopes of catching a fish there. To tell the truth, I knew that it was too late in the season, but I had not been out fishing in so long that I didn't care if I caught a fish or not, just as long as I got out there. After all, the name of our game is fishing, not catching, right? Sometimes the stalk is more thrilling than the kill, the chase more exciting than the capture, the search more rewarding than the discovery. This is the thinking among the older anglers, guys who have caught plenty of fish over the years, guys who have paid their dues. We are not smarter than younger fishermen, merely wiser, with a wisdom accumulated over years of dedicated enthusiasm that gradually taught us it was not the fish themselves that were the important factor, but rather the fishing itself.

Once I convinced my partner, I had to convince my wife and when that formidable opponent relented, I finally had to convince myself. It was cold and I hadn't been out fishing from a beach in years, succumbing at first to the imagine allure of boats, then to the ravages of ill health. Still, there was a magical "something" that kept urging me to come back; maybe it was the beautiful solitude of a winter beach, or an addiction to breathing clean salt air. Certainly, the challenge of catching a fish from the beach is unequalled anywhere else, and going "one-on-one" against a saltwater gamester, equipped with nothing but simple, unsophisticated tackle, could not be duplicated from any boat. I walked into the den to choose my weapon and selected an 11 foot fiberglass rod, one that I had made from a once-piece blank a long time ago. The rod had no reel seat, and I untaped my old squidding reel and replaced it with a big spinning reel. The rod would give me the distance I'd need and the reel wouldn't give old fingers a hard time. As I spooled on new 20 pound test mono, I thought about the upcoming trip.

We'd be fishing Jones Beach in daylight, a broad, sloping sand shelf better suited to swimming than fishing. If anything, I thought, we should fish there at night with bait, but my partner couldn't make it at night and I couldn't go alone. Not any more, anyhow. Besides, it was too cold at night now, according to my better half. I was resigned to going out for the exercise. I knew there were no bass to be had at this time of the year, not from that beach anyway; and besides, if there were bass, they'd never bite in daylight. How wrong can one guy be? First of all, what I didn't realize was that the feeding habits of the game fish had changed over the past ten years or so. Where once the bait was predominantly large, like bunker, mackerel, mullet and herring, lately it has become much smaller, and is basically sand eels. The size ain't what makes the difference; it's the fact that bass can't see the smaller, sand-burrowing sand eels so good at night; therefore have come to change their feeding patterns to daylight hours, when bait is more readily visible. Also, the water doesn't get cold as quickly as it once did, due in part to more moderate autumns, so fish migrations get started later than before. I remember catching bass on Christmas Eve a couple of years ago, casting bucktails from a boat off of Riker's Island, in the East River. That's what probably put the spur under my saddle now, that off-chance that maybe there just might be a bass off Jones Beach after all!

Late fall weather demands that surfmen dress accordingly.

We got out there in daylight, rigged-up and climbed into waders and foul weather gear in the parking lot, and walked through the drift fence onto the dunes. A cold sun revealed a barren beach. There was another car in the parking lot, but its occupant was nowhere in sight. We shuffled into the cold water, bracing against medium-sized rollers blown in by a strong southerly breeze. Reading the beach had been futile: the winds had loaded the water with sand and it all looked the same. About the only thing that looked promising was a break in the rollers, which told us that there was deeper water at that juncture, maybe a cut or slough. The big, three ounce hammered metal lures would do the job all right, as far as distance was concerned. I went with a white bucktail teaser, rigged a couple of feet ahead of the lure, in case there were bass around and in case they were feeding on small stuff. My partner, already convinced that I was crazy and fearful of becoming infected with my madness, disdained the dropper.

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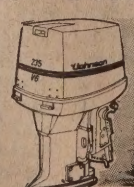

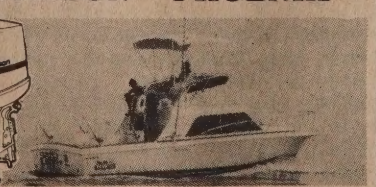

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The ritual of surfcasting soon made us forget the cold, and the grey skies that promised, no **guaranteed** snow, before the day was out. The hood of my parka was suffocating me, and I actually was sweating from the unaccustomed effort, but there were no fish. For three solid hours there were no fish, as the skies grew even darker and the cold started to make fingers and toes numb. Separated from my partner by a couple of hundred yards, I couldn't hear him as he tried shouting something, but knew from his gestures that he was ready to call it quits. I was ready too, but waved "Five minutes" to him, and got off another cast.

A slight bump attracted all my attention. I knew everyone thought that I was crazy, but that felt just like a hit to me. I reeled in to check my lure, then got off another cast as something caught my eye, off down the beach a bit. Glancing over as I began a slow retrieve geared to drag the tin through the sand, I saw that my partner was into fish. I sped up my retrieve, so that I could be free to lend a hand if he needed one to land the fish, and that's when I really got hit. It seems that the fish didn't want no slow, sand-dragging dinner and was only interested in something that looked like it was trying to escape. I couldn't tell at first what it was; the fish felt fairly nice but didn't put up too much fight. Right off the bat, I ruled out bluefish, although we get some big jumbos late in the fall, this fish was not as strong or as obnoxious as a bluefish should be. Weakfish were out—they shoulda split long ago, I thought, before the water got as cold as it was nowadays. Yet it didn't feel like any striper I had ever caught. Maybe it's a cod, my excited imagination questioned. Or a pollock, although it was too close to shore and pollock didn't act this way either.

All the while, I was busy bringing my fish closer to the beach. My partner was busy, casting again; he must have beached his fish and is going back for more, I thought. My fish wallowed in the wash. It had not taxed the drag. It did not take off on any lateral runs up or down the beach. It had docilely let me lead it up the slope of the sand and almost onto dry land. It was a striped bass. I didn't believe it.

First of all, the whole damned trip was a gas, made mostly to placate me. We never expected to get anything other than a good workout. We never dreamed that we would luck into three stripers in the 15 pound class, on a deserted winter beach, that late in the year. We may have secretly hoped for such a miracle, probably dreamed it would come true, but never really expected it would be so, not in a million years. As I dragged my fish up on the beach, I glanced into a sunlit patch of surf where my partner was busily fighting his fish. It was a classic beach scene, one that would always come to mind whenever I got sand in my shoes!

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LATE SEASON SILVER

by Lou Mauriello

Some lively action awaits stalwart sinker bouncers who refuse to call it quits.

During the late fall, after a large percentage of the fishermen in our area have hung up their tackle for the year, we witness some of the best bottom fishing this area has to offer. This fishing is not for any of the glamor species, but for what is considered by many, myself included, to be one of the finest eating fish to come out of our local waters. I am referring to the whiting.

Though the whiting doesn't reach anywhere near the size of the other popular cold weather fish, the cod, it has its own following, and for good reason. At this time of the year, most fishermen are thinking of stocking up the freezer to keep them in fish dinners until the first flounder poke their heads through the mud in the early spring. The whiting is a natural in this department for two reasons. The first reason is they are a lean, white meat fish that lends itself quite well to freezing. The second reason is that they are usually found in large schools and can be caught in large numbers by even an average fisherman.

Over the years, I have seen winter fishing go from an affair where the fisherman spent almost as much time trying to keep warm as he did fishing, to warm and comfortable fishing aboard the large boats that sail today. Most of today's boats have large heated deck cabins and galleys where hot soup, coffee and food are served and help make a winter trip much more enjoyable than it used to be. One other thing: those heated rails are a blessing on a cold, blustery day.

With the above in mind, I took a trip with Captain Tom Marconi aboard his boat, the Pilot II, last winter and even though conditions were terrible (northeast winds about 20 to 25 MPH), I still managed to take home a few dozen good size whiting for eating. The pleasure of that trip was further enhanced by the meeting of some old friends I hadn't seen in many years.

While some things change, others

Private boatmen can take advantage of this action, but must pick their days carefully.

remain the same. Even though I hadn't fished the area for a few years, the boats are still fishing around Ambrose Light. It seems this area remains one of the most productive places to fish for whiting during their run.

Because the weather conditions at this time of year can be quite unstable, I would recommend you use a medium boat rod that will be able to handle sinkers up to ten or so ounces. These are sometimes necessitated by rather strong winds that, even though they don't make the sea very uncomfortable, will make the boat drift faster than normal.

I lean toward a reel such as the Penn Beachmaster, filled with 25 pound test monofilament. This line is strong enough to handle even multiple hook-ups of whiting, yet will allow you to use the lightest sinkers possible for the existing conditions.

The rig at the business end should be kept simple, as always I employ two Sproat hooks, size 2/0 tied to about a 12 inch piece of leader material. These hooks are attached to the line by way of dropper loops and with no hardware. The first, lower, hook is attached just high enough so that it will clear the sinker. The second, or higher, hook is attached about 13 or 14 inches above the lower. In this way, the two hooks will not get tangled with each other.

Some people like to use commercially tied rigs with three hooks. These really aren't that bad as multiple hook-ups are the rule when these fish are biting. If you must purchase one of these rigs, try to find one with the least amount of jewelry, or you will spend half the day trying to untangle your rig from your neighbor's.

Most party boats will supply you with bait consisting of either cut herring or skimmer clam. Both will catch whiting but nothing beats a fresh strip of whiting. My suggestion is after you have caught your first fish, either give it to the mate or you yourself quickly cut it into strips about one inch wide by three inches long. Try to make them pennant-shaped and impale them on your hook only once through the wide end. This bait is not only tasty to the whiting, but it is very durable and it is not unusual to catch four or five fish on the same piece before having to change it. The fish you will use for bait will be more than made up for by the additional whiting you will catch on this strip bait, so don't be afraid to try it.

Earlier in this story, I stated that whiting are usually caught in large numbers. I will stick to that statement though there are times when, due to existing weather or tidal conditions, they can be quite finicky.

Watching people fish for whiting over the years, I've noticed most are content to lower their baits to the bottom and wait for a hit with their baits lying motionless. This method works fine, most of the time. When the fish are picky though, try this. Lower your bait to the bottom and lift your rod slowly in a gentle jigging motion about every five seconds. It seems this gentle jigging imparts a fluttering to the bait that attracts the fish at these times. I prefer to fish with my reel in free spool as this jigging motion will raise the sinker from the bottom and the drift will now allow it to settle again until a few feet of line are let out. By fishing with the reel in free spool, you will be able to make these adjustments much quicker, thereby keeping your bait in the strike zone.

Once you have landed your fish, be careful how you unhook it. The whiting is a predator and as such, is blessed with a very nice set of teeth. Though not in the class of the bluefish, these fangs can and will penetrate your fingers and cause some rather painful wounds.

Cleaning whiting is a rather simple affair and all you need is a sharp knife and a scaler. I first scale all the fish I've caught and throw them in a tub of water. This helps to remove the remaining loose scales. I then take the scaled fish and holding it belly down on the cutting board, cut through the backbone just behind the head. I do not cut all the way through the fish, however, but when the knife has passed through the backbone, I turn the blade at an angle toward the anal opening and continue the cut to that point. You should now have a scaled and gutted fish which is ready for the pan. (I know I left the tail on, but I enjoy eating them when the fish is fried.)

Before closing, I would like to give you a couple of easy recipes for whiting. We all know about frying. I like to throw some salt and pepper in a paper bag along with some flour and then shake the whiting in it until covered with the mixture. Next, you simply drop the pieces in a hot skillet with hot oil and fry till golden brown. Don't use olive oil as it tastes too strong to go well with the mild flavored whiting. Use a vegetable oil and make sure it is good and hot.

The other recipe I like can be used with whiting and also for codfish and blackfish. You simply boil, or poach, the fish until the flesh can be picked from the skeleton with a fork. Remove the fish from the pot and allow to cool a bit and then take all the flesh from the fish. Put this in a dish large enough to accommodate it and add a clove of chopped garlic, the juice of one lemon, a few ounces of olive oil, salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle the top with fresh chopped parsley and place this in your refrigerator to cool for about an hour. Serve this with a hunk of crusty Italian bread (it helps to sop up the juices) and either a chilled white wine or a cold beer. I don't think you will have too many leftovers with this one.

This year, rather than packing it in early, dig out those long-johns and heavy boots and hop aboard one of those large, comfortable party boats. Who knows, you, too, may be hooked on these late season silvers!

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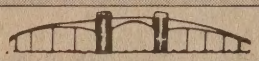
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"DO IT YOURSELF" HOOK SNELLING

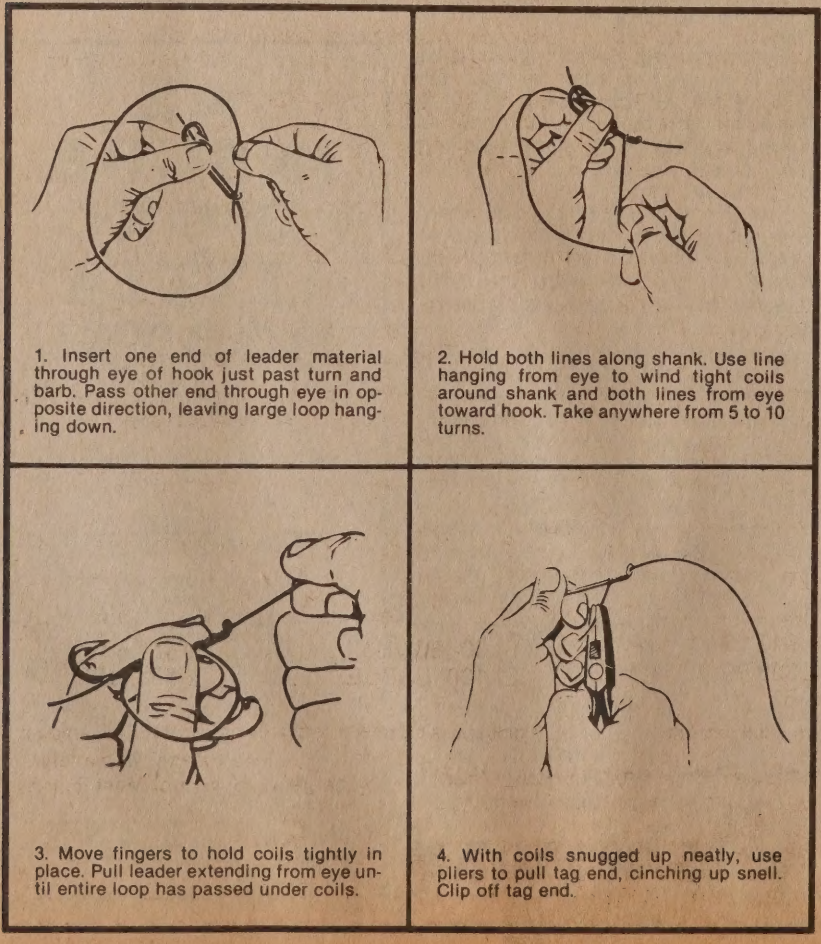
by Bill Smith

A couple of years ago I was blackfishing with a good friend of mine. We were having a good day with the feisty tautog and we were also losing our fair share of tackle. By the time the fishing picked up, we were almost out of hooks and rigs and finally had to call it quits. On the way home, we were discussing how much tackle and money we had lost at the bottom and for the time time it dawned on me that this fishing game can get quite expensive. When I went to my local tackle shop looking to replace what I had lost, I decided it was high time to make my own.

After getting some advice from the dealer, I bought a box of #5 Virginia hooks and a spool of 30 lb. Ande mono and I was on my way. You can save a considerable amount of money and receive a surprising amount of self-satisfaction by snelling and tying your own rigs. All that is necessary are some basic materials that I'll list here and a little patience. The patience is needed until you master the few knots needed to snell and tie any bottom rig.

It's a good idea to make up rigs in quantity at home during your spare time. It sure beats painting and valuable fishing time isn't lost to tying and snelling hooks while on the fishing grounds.

The most important thing to remember is to purchase in quantity whenever possible to save the most money. All of the necessary materials for snelling and tying rigs are available at most bait and tackle shops. Hooks should be purchased unsnelled in boxes of 100 whenever possible.



1. Insert one end of leader material through eye of hook just past turn and barb. Pass other end through eye in opposite direction, leaving large loop hanging down.

2. Hold both lines along shank. Use line hanging from eye to wind tight coils around shank and both lines from eye toward hook. Take anywhere from 5 to 10 turns.

3. Move fingers to hold coils tightly in place. Pull leader extending from eye until entire loop has passed under coils.

4. With coils snugged up neatly, use pliers to pull tag end, cinching up snell. Clip off tag end.

The first and most important part of making rigs is to be able to snell your own hook. I will try to explain the simplest and easiest method. There are three steps involved and with a little practice, you'll be snelling just as good as the pros.

Now I know a few people reading this article will say this is too difficult to do and it is easier to buy hooks already snelled. But the satisfaction of catching fish on one's own snelled hooks and rigs will never be realized by you if you don't try.

I would like to give some guidance to those who feel lost as to what type and size hooks to purchase. For flounder, I suggest #6 Sproats. Enough can't be said about these hooks, and if you're a regular reader of The Fisherman, there's no need to say any more. Also acceptable are #9 and #10 Chestertowns as well as #6 Beaks. All of the aforementioned hooks can be purchased in boxes of 100 for less than $4 dollars. That's a lot of fishing, guys.

For fluke, my personal preference is the English style wide gap hooks in 2/0 or 3/0 sizes. I prefer this hook because of its wide gap design which results in more hook-ups. Beaks in 2/0 or 3/0 sizes will work also. I have found that for some reason, fluke are attracted to the gold color hook far more than they are to silver or black-colored hooks. So, keep this color preference in mind when selecting your fluke hooks. Both hooks mentioned come in gold finishes.

For blackfish, I use only #5 or #6 Virginias. I like this hook because of the point and offset barb which guarantees quick penetration in the tautog's tough jaws.

As far as the leader material is concerned, I have tried true leader gut and I have found it to be okay but expensive. Instead, I use 30 lb. Ande monofilament which is cheaper and also softer and easier to work with. For those who feel spooled line has too much memory, you can purchase a few 12 inch hook holders that will stretch the line while you snell your hooks. They are also a great way to keep your hooks in order and are no more than a couple of bucks in most tackle shops.

Believe me when I tell you that snelling your own hooks is easy to master and will save you some money as well. There is also that added satisfaction of "doing it yourself."

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CAPE HATTERAS:

A Surf Fishing Paradise

by Eric Burnley

When I first became involved in surf fishing, I heard wonderful reports about the great fishing at Cape Hatteras. Several of my friends when down there each fall and came back with coolers full of fish and a winter full of stories.

It wasn't until November, 1973, after I purchased my Scout, that I was able to make the pilgrimage. I went alone and after two days of freezing to death on the beach, I hit a giant bluefish blitz on the south side of the point that made the entire trip a success. I have returned many times since that first trip and have been around for a few other blitzes, but that first one is still embedded in my mind. Gulls diving after pieces of bait fish cut in two by huge blues that struck anything you threw into the water. Fighting a big fish almost to the beach, having the Hopkins pull out of his mouth and being into another blue before you could turn the reel handle. Finally exhausted and watching latecomers cast into the schools and hearing lines pop like a rifle shot as drags froze up or were set too tight. If that is not the most exciting fishing in the world, I don't know what is.

The Hatteras surf often produces trophy channel bass that exceed the magical 50 pound mark. Chris Jensen beached this 50 pounder.

Fishing at Cape Hatteras hasn't changed much in the last ten years. You can still catch big blues and drum, the sea mullet and flounder still please bottom fishermen and those special people who can successfully fish the piers still push their carts along the boards. I suppose the biggest change is the number of people who live there or have summer homes. Each time I go it seems there are more and more new homes, fast food restaurants and shopping centers. This development only emphasizes the importance of our National Park System because without their protection the whole island would be sold to the highest bidder.

I have fished Hatteras Island from Oregon to Hatteras Inlet and taken fish in almost every spot I tried. Naturally, the surf changes each year and the hotspot last season can be a barren hole this year, but if you read the beach you shouldn't have too much trouble taking plenty of fish.

My favorite spot has always been around Avon. I usually stayed in Buxton and would fish the Point once or twice, but the crowds there soon drove me up the beach to Ramp 34. You can work the beach north or south from here and I have done well in either direction. The Avon Pier is a good bet for bottom fish, blues or drum.

I tried to plan my trip to Hatteras in conjunction with the full moon in November. I had such good luck during that period that I would not change the date for anything including my sister-in-law's wedding or the birth of my second son. When the moon was full in November, I was in Cape Hatteras even though I may be in the dog house at home.

My main reason for traveling to Hatteras was to catch a big red drum, but I never accomplished that objective. In fact, I never even caught a little red drum there. Many people have taken drum from the Hatteras surf, some were even standing next to

me, but so far the fishing gods have not seen fit to bless me.

What I did catch were big blues, flounder, sea mullet and croaker. Since I have never been a purist I don't complain.

One year when I thought I had everything planned correctly, I set my departure time so I would arrive at Ramp 34 just at sunrise. As luck would have it, the wind was blowing so hard my poor old Scout rocked like a boat all the way from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel to Avon. I didn't lock the wheels or unpack my gear; I just parked by the ramp and walked over the dunes. When I first looked at the ocean I thought there were some odd whitecaps, then I realized it was huge blues chasing baits on the surface. I set the world record for dropping air in tires, locking hubs, unpacking reels and getting them on rods. My first cast resulted in an immediate hook-up and while I was fighting that fish others were bumping into my legs as I stood in the surf. There were only two other anglers on the beach.

It has been my experience that the wind controls the type of fish you are likely to catch. When it blows big blues and drum move in; when it's calm you can load up with flounder, croaker, sea mullet and other small fish.

To catch the blues you can cast plugs or metal lures into breaking fish or soak a big chunk of cut mullet on a fire ball rig. Wire leader is a must in either situation.

Sea mullet and croaker will take squid or bloodworms fished on Chestertown hooks sized #1 to #8. Try to get away without a float for these fish if the crabs aren't too bad.

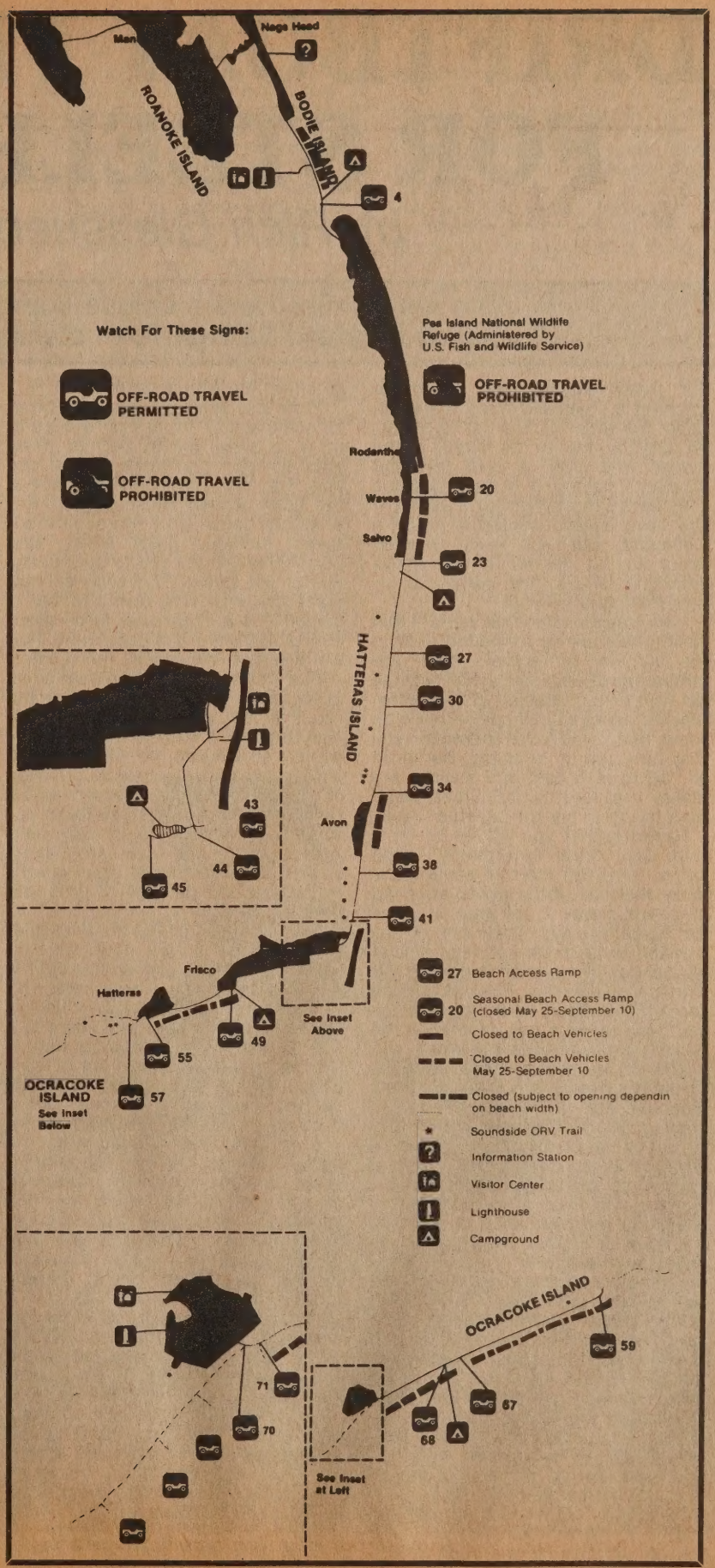
Flounder will jump all over a strip of squid or shark belly, but you must let the bait move across the bottom. Don't use a pyramid sinker that anchors into the sand. Use a bank sinker and let it roll along. You must work the rig all the way back to the beach because flounder are normally found in the white water inside the breakers.

Bottom fish can also be found just inside the outer bar. Cast out to the bar, then drag your rig towards shore so it will roll down into the slough. Casting out this far often requires tackle that overpowers the fish, but if you can't reach them you can't catch them.

Before you leave for Hatteras, I suggest a call to Whale Bone Tackle in Nags Head (919-441-7413). Bill McCaskill can fill you in on what's happening and where on the island.

If you are looking for a guide, which is a good way to learn the area, call Outer Banks Fish Finders, 919-441-6065. Bill Pinkstone will be happy to help you out. Bill also runs Sadler Cottages in Nags Head and they now feature off-season rates.

The full moon in November is on the eighth this year. I can't get away then, but if you can, I strongly recommend a trip to Hatteras.



DRIFTBOAT FISHING FOR STEELHEAD

by Rich Giessuebel

The author discovers a unique approach to the already heralded Salmon River steelhead fishery.

For many anglers, the dream of catching a steelhead never gets fulfilled. For after all, the fish is clever, he runs the river in the middle of the winter, and river is both fast and slippery, making it a hard passage even for the most youthful of us. So, if you have always wanted to catch a steelhead, but you were worried about any, if not all, of the above mentioned snags, then perhaps driftboat fishing is for you?

Now, keep in mind that you will still have to venture up to the big river in the middle of winter, that the temperatures outside may never quite get into or perhaps out of the teens, that the banks will all be covered with snow; that if you touch the water, you may turn into an inceberg; but all in all, being in a boat and staying dry makes it at least 30,000 times easier than trying to ply the big river itself.

Knowing that you will be in for a cold day, dress accordingly. Long johns, felt-lined thermal boots are a must; thermal rubber gloves are a big help, and plenty of hot soup or coffee can top off the day. Now, with all the necessities taken care of, let's look at what a day in a typical Salmon River driftboat will entail. First of all, the captain will supply all the gear, so all you have to do is get yourself to the boat. It gets easier all the time!

One of the best driftboat captains on the big river is Ron Clark. So, let's say you are going with Ron and staying at the Redwood Motel (I'll give you their telephone numbers later). Ron will inform you of when you will be able to go. Sounds funny! But you can't run a driftboat in low water, so the river must be high. If the river isn't high, you will have to wait for the power plant to start pumping water downstream. Ron will say to be ready around 8AM. Ah, much warmer at 8AM than at, let's say, daybreak. Next, once Ron gets to the Redwood Motel, he will ask you to follow him and his boat to a place called Compactor Pool about two miles from the Redwood. Here, you will leave your car, and you and your fishing partner will get in with Ron and head upstream to Altmar or just above Schoolhouse Pool. At the Altmar Bridge, Ron will put his boat into the river. He will seat you and your partner upfront. He will push off and go under the Altmar Bridge.

From this point on, you may be in for some action. What Ron will try to do is to allow you to put out three rods. On each rod there will be one lure. The most commonly used lure is the Luhr Jensen Hotshot. Ron will probably begin with three different colors, perhaps gold, silver, and purple. He will ask you to get out the line of the Daiwa 27H reels so that eight rotations of the levelwind bar is made. This will run your lures about 35 feet in front of the boat. Now, Ron will begin to row against the current.

Ron will manipulate the boat so as to set it up to fish the lures at the heads of the various pools you will pass through. If there aren't too many anglers streamside, he will drop and anchor and allow you to work the head of the pool for awhile. If no strikes are registered, he will ask you to let out some line. Maybe 5 to 10 more feet. Again, you let the lures work. If no strikes are encountered, Ron will lift the anchor and continue to drift into the next pool.

For yourself, there is always something to do. Is the lure working correctly? Is there enough line out? Is the lure right there where I want it? You must be very conscious of fishing the lure properly so that if there is a fish, you might be able to get him.

Now, as your lures run out in front of you, you must also keep your rods pointed to where the lures are. This is because should the steelhead strike, you will want to lift up and strike the hooks home into the fish. By pointing at the fish, you will ensure **maximum** striking power. So, when the fish strikes and damn near pulls the rod out of your half frozen hand, you must react by pulling the rod high and putting a full bend into it, thereby hooking the fish.

Now, he isn't going to stand for this and in the next few minutes, you will understand why so many people the world over are sold on steelhead fishing. The big beautiful sea run rainbow is quite a performer. With the rod bent in half, the powerful fish will usually come up to see what's going on. He may jump, but more than likely, he will just fly along close to the surface. Water will be splashing everywhere. All of a sudden, it will be very warm outside for everyone on the boat!

As the big fish begins to succumb to the cold and the pressure, his runs will be come shorter. By now, Ron will have the boat at anchor somewhere along the streamside and he will be making his way toward the front of the boat. Slowly, you will have to keep reeling in the fish until Ron can ease the landing net under him. Once he has, the trophy is yours.

From Schoolhouse Pool, Ron will ease the boat downriver through Ellis Cove, past Orwell Creek and beyond Tressle Pool. Ron will slow wherever he can and he will fish very hard. By midway through the trip, you will probably pull over for a streamside cookout. In short order, the chow will get consumed and you will be back in the boat. Now, temperatures should be about the high for the day and you will still have plenty of fishable pools ahead.

On downriver you will glide. Eventually, you will reach Sportsman's Pool. Here, on a bad day, you can expect to find well over 30 guys fishing from both banks. Ron very rarely gets a chance to fish at Sportsman's Pool. He just simply drifts on through while you get an opportunity to watch some guys plying their streamside tactics. Right after Sportsman's Pool you come to a series of rapids. Some swells will rise up several feet allowing the boat to bob on down. At the bottom of the rapids there are several nice bend pools. Many steelheads come out of this section of river.

By the time you have reached home stretch you are old hands at how to present the bait and strike the fish. You will be looking for productive looking waters. You will suggest Ron gets into a particular ripple or glide. Eventually, you will take note on how Ron allows the boat to drift across the river with the lures out working 35 feet in front of the boat and how he gets the lures right into the headwaters of each and every pool. It is quite amazing how he drops the anchor at just the right time to hold you well above the pool.

One consideration that you probably have thought about is that there's two anglers and there's three rods. Well, here's the way you can best fish in this situation. Flip a coin

and see who is going to hold the two rods first. Then, alternate fishing the two rods if the guy holding the two rods catches the first fish. That is, if the guys fishing the two rods gets the first fish, the other guy gets to hold the two rods until he gets a fish or until he catches up to the other guy in the event he is very lucky and keeps catching fish even though he is only fishing one rod.

There are days when the guy fishing the one rod never gets to hold onto the two rods. He catches the first several fish and the guy who is holding the two rods can't catch up. Sometimes this is due to the fact that he has the hot color lure on. In that case, the moment it becomes evident that the steelies want the gold color and nothing else, Ron will change one of the other lures over to the gold color, too. He will preferably change the color that has had the fewest strikes.

On a good day, you can expect to get from 10 to 20 strikes while drifting down the river; while on a bad day, you might get between 5 to 8 strikes. Now, the word strikes is used here, because in no uncertain terms, you do not usually catch all the fish that strike.

On one trip downriver, we had 8 strikes and only caught 3 fish. However, it was a good day because the fish range in weight up to 10 pounds. Most people would find it difficult to call a three fish catch of close to 25 pounds of fish a bad day.

As for the trip downriver, it will usually last 6 to 8 hours. At the end of the trip, Ron will beach the boat at Compactor Pool, where you have left your car. The fish will now be cleaned to put aside if one or more are going to be mounted. After everyone has cleaned up, you will drive Ron back upstream to the Altmar Bridge where he will pick up his truck. Then, back to Compactor Pool for the boat.

At day's end, Ron is quite exhausted, and well he should be after trying to row against the current all day. You are quite exhausted, too; because you probably aren't used to being outside for so long in the cold and exercising at that. Some guys at this point will consider staying over a second night at Pulaski, while others will drive home.

If you stay over, you will now know several great pools that you might want to fish the next day. Early in the morning, especially if they have to run water and the river is low, you might get into the very same pools you fish with Ron, only now you will be standing in the water. Remember, the rocks are slippery, the temperature is cold, and the current is equally as fast as it has ever been, but one thing you have going for you now is that you know how to put your bait out ahead of you and fish the pools properly. You know how to strike the fish and you know how to land him. This makes stream fishing much more enjoyable. It is much easier once you are aware of where and how to fish.

Your limit on steelhead is three fish per day per angler. You can transport a two day's legal limit per angler. So, you might catch three while floating and get another three while fishing in the stream. This totals up to 6 fish that you can legally transport. The out-of-state license will set you back $20.50 for the year and a three-day permit is only $6.50.

If you want to get in touch with Ron Clark, you can reach him at (315) 387-5516. He charters two fishing boats out in Lake Ontario all spring and summer long, but during the winter, you will find him staying in shape while captaining his driftboat down the river. As for the Redwood Motel, let me advise you to make reservations 5 to 6 weeks in advance if possible. The number here is (315) 298-4717. Of course, the Redwood is located right off Route 81 in Pulaski and is full every night with tourists and fishermen alike.

So, if you want to get in on some great driftboat fishing, give Ron a call and see if you can't land a few wall fish. Steelhead make great mounts because they have such beautiful coloration. How would you like to have something 20 pounds or more hanging on the mantle next year. Good luck and fishing!

Ron Clark removes a nice 8 pound steelhead from the net.

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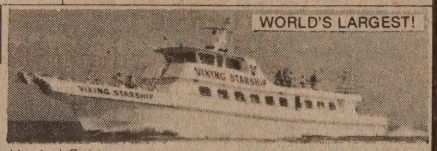

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Mild weather has kept very large blues at Montauk, where they are solid from the point to Block Island, in Shinnecock Inlet and in 60-80 feet of water in the ocean. Codfish are coming in slowly, with dogfish a recurring problem. Blackfish are still going strong both at inner and outer Cartrite as well as the Northern Reefs (Gull Islands, Fishers, etc.) with continuing blackfish catches on Shinnecock wrecks. Flounder, although slow to start are very large. Good tides this weekend should result in increasing catches. Good catches of stripers were made all week at Montauk, indications of continuing good bass action until the season closes.

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Captain Mike Albronde told me that there are plenty of bass around with bluefish hanging in. The **Montauk** is booking December codfish and blackfish charters. Call Captain Mike for charter rates.

Captain Mike Bentivegna Jr. used green crabs Sunday for a catch of 126

Mike Chambers of Long Beach with cod of 44 and 41 lbs. caught aboard the "Viking Starship" on November 7th.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	12:20	12:35	1:10	1:30	1:15	1:20	2:20	2:25	4:30	4:50	3:50	4:10	12:15	12:40	11/29
FRI.	1:10	1:25	2:10	2:30	2:05	2:15	3:20	3:25	5:35	6:00	4:45	5:10	1:10	1:35	11/30
SAT.	2:05	2:20	3:10	3:20	2:55	3:10	4:15	4:25	6:30	6:55	5:40	6:05	2:10	2:30	12/1
SUN.	3:00	3:15	4:05	4:15	3:50	4:00	5:05	5:20	7:20	7:50	6:35	6:55	3:05	3:20	12/2
MON.	3:55	4:10	4:50	5:05	4:40	4:55	5:50	6:05	8:10	8:35	7:20	7:45	3:50	4:10	12/3
TUES.	4:45	5:00	5:35	5:45	5:30	5:45	6:25	6:45	8:50	9:15	8:05	8:30	4:40	4:55	12/4
WED.	5:30	5:45	6:15	6:30	6:10	6:25	7:00	7:25	9:25	9:55	8:45	9:15	5:20	5:40	12/5
THURS.	6:10	6:30	6:55	7:10	6:45	7:05	7:35	8:05	9:45	10:25	9:25	9:55	6:00	6:20	12/6

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
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Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/29	7:07	4:30
FRI. 11/30	7:08	4:30
SAT. 12/1	7:09	4:29
SUN. 12/2	7:10	4:29
MON. 12/3	7:11	4:29
TUE. 12/4	7:12	4:29
WED. 12/5	7:13	4:29

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/29	12:38AM	11:09PM
FRI. 11/30	1:03PM	—
SAT. 12/1	1:25PM	12:10AM
SUN. 12/2	1:45PM	1:09AM
MON. 12/3	2:06PM	2:08AM
TUE. 12/4	2:27PM	3:08AM
WED. 12/5	2:51PM	4:09AM

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	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Sat.	11:55	5:45	—	6:05
Sun.	12:20	6:20	12:30	6:40
Mon.	12:55	6:55	1:05	7:15
Tues.	1:30	7:30	1:40	7:55
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blackfish from 4 to 10 lbs. on the **Pronto**. Fishing with Captain Ron Grandinetti (**Julie III**), Carl Jussen, and John Richie the group encountered hoards of bluefish while blackfishing on inner and outer Cartrite. Incidental catch of a few cod and sea bass topped off the fishbox. Captain Mike will charter at least until Christmas for cod. Call him for information on winter rates and split charters.

Captain Michael Potts has been into continuous good bass fishing, with the best catch of the week Thanksgiving, 31. On Friday 15 bass to 22 lbs. were caught on the **Bluefin IV**. Saturday's morning charter resulted in 15 bass, the largest 25 and 30 lbs. caught on trolled umbrella rigs. On Sunday Stephen Pascale and Dick Latinski finished the day with 12 keepers, with Stephen, on his first bass trip, pulling in a four bagger of three 15 lb. and one 36 lb. bass! Capt. Potts is now booking 1985 March Codfish charters. Call now to reserve a date.

Capt. Chuck Mallinson of the **Joy Sea** found bass, codfish, and blackfish among vast schools of bluefish, all jumbos in the 15-20 lb. range which are feeding between the Point and Block Island. Friday's charter with John Silas concentrated on the inshore grounds, where a couple of bass, the largest 30 lbs., were found among the blues. On Saturday morning Ed caught 9 keeper bass (as many were returned) with bluefish. On Sunday the **Joy Sea** first jigged bass to 20 lbs., with bluefish at the Point, than fished for cod at the Southwest Ledge with Rich Anderson. A few cod were caught among the schools of blues, however many large blackfish, to 12 lbs., were included in the catch. The **Joy Sea** will continue fishing as long as weather permits. Call Captain Chuck for winter rates.

Joan from **Captains Cove Marina** said that private boats are still coming in with good bass catches, with bluefish a reliable standby. Bruce Hoek used a special technique for a large catch of bass over the weekend on his marina based boat, "Tara". Cod seem late in starting, perhaps because of warm water conditions.

The IGFA has recognized three Montauk world records this past week, all by Dianne Mellish of Amityville. A pollock of 26 lbs. 12 ozs. and a blackfish of 3 lbs. 11 ozs. both on four pound test line, and a 24 lb. 10 oz. pollock on eight pound test line. Dianne fishes on the family boat "Sea Drummer" based in Montauk and is waiting news of three additional pending records also on light lines (1 lb. and 4 lbs.) Since Dianne fishes with Berkley XT line, each recognized record is also worth $1000 from the Berkley Co.!

SOUTH FORK

As Captain Artie Lach put it "Murphy's Law prevailed Saturday, causing less fish to be caught than expected." However, the pool blackfish caught by Ralph from City Island, weighed 11½ lbs. Sunday's fishing on the **Wilhelric** was pretty good with average catches of between 10-15 blackfish per man. Pedro Lorance accounted for 10 blackfish top weight 9 lbs. The pool was about 11½ lbs., with second place taken by a codfish, a few ounces less. The fish are still around, large hungry fish, therfore the **Wilhelric** will sail every Saturday and Sunday until winter comes.

Harry from **Noyac Marina** treated his son-in-law David Owens of New York City to a flounder trip on Saturday, giving him a respite from pushing pencils, to pulling flounder. The pair caught about two dozen nice size flounders at Noyac Creek, after determining that the fish appeared to have departed from Jessups Neck. John Deeg and his friend also fished Noyac Creek on the private boat "Dottie D" based at the Marina and returned with a bucket of flounder.

Some very large, although not

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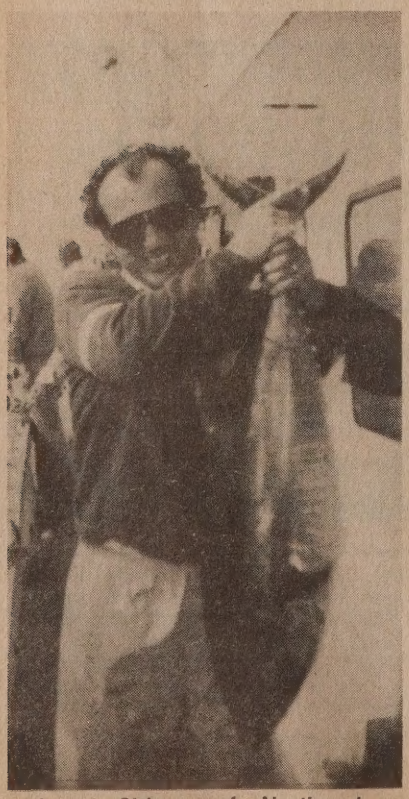
many, flounder were shown to Thom Speckenback at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** in **Southampton**, fish from 2½ to 3 lbs. reportedly caught at Heady Creek. Blackfish are on all offshore wrecks. Because of mild weather and warm water temperatures codfishing was alittle slow this past week. Thom asked me to inform you that he will be closed on Wednesdays starting December. At the present time, he has a supply of greencrabs for blackfish seekers.

Three boats were rented from **Corr's Fishing Station** in **Hampton Bays** this weekend, with about 15-20 flounders brought aboard each despite fishing the wrong tides, incoming is best. The fish, averaging 1½ lbs., were caught in the Basket and East Channel. Since the tides will be right this weekend, incoming all day, a flounder bonanza is predicted. Larry Mangarillo heard of blues and cod in the ocean as well.

Captain Ken Malone fished two offshore wrecks over the weekend on the **Jenny Rose** where some blackfish, sea bass, ling, porgies, and cod were caught amidst the dogfish. Lou Parenti's 24 lb. cod took Saturday's pool. The **Jenny Rose** will sail on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Captain Malone suggests a call the night before you plan to fish to check on sea conditions. Continued catches of sea bass and porgies indicate that the water is still warm, with plenty of cod yet to move in.



Larry Sitbon, of Northport, hoists a 60 lb. bluefin tuna during an Oct. 8th tuna trip aboard the Freeport based "Blue Fin III."

Mickey Altenkirch spoke of good flounder in the Canal with activity picking up in the Basket and off Buoy 17 in Tiana Bay. Lots of bluefish remain in Shinnecock Inlet and also in 60-80 feet of water in the ocean. Although codfish have been caught on close-in ocean wrecks, dogfish continue to be an on and off problem. **Altenkirch & Son** will be open all winter. Call the store for winter hours.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Flounder fishing remains good enough to attract the attention of sinker bouncers working the bays while codfishing continues to show improvement on the offshore wrecks. Large numbers of dogfish have been plagueing cod fans but numbers seem to have diminished somewhat over the weekend.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Larry Dallaire of L & M Marine in **East Moriches** got to us just before press time with the news that Moriches flounder fishing broke wide open on Sunday. Catches of 50-75 big fish per boat was the rule in the Buoy 41-42 area. All of the fish are falling into the 1-2 pound range with a surprising number of flatties of 2½ pounds mixed in. Incoming tide is critical to the fishing as is chumming with mussels or clams. Bob and Bill Zoller accounted for 75 big flatties on Sunday. They fished Buoy 41 with dyed clams and mussel chum. Larry will be remaining open for those looking to get in their licks at this late season action. He suggests calling to reserve a boat at 516-878-4777. He will also continue to carry the necessary bait and chum.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Still some decent flounder action locally in the east bay and also in the vicinity of the Smith Point Bridge. This according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Despite the flattie activity, most anglers traded guns for rods this week and headed north in quest of venison.

A quiet week with all the cold weather but the mild weekend pro-

Kenny Varricchio and his brother John with a 15.15 lb. bluefish taken south of Jones Inlet. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station in Pt. Lookout.

duced some activity according to Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**. Some big flounder to 2 pounds taken in Dickerson Channel and pretty good numbers of fish in the State Channel between Babylon and Amityville. One boat fishing deep water in the State Channel on Sunday had 36 keepers and threw back a like amount. Codfishing improved on the wrecks but dogfish continued to be a problem. Some nice trout still being taken at Bubbles and Rattles and Al reminded that the shop still has plenty of nightcrawlers in stock.

Captree open boats have been working offshore wrecks for cod which have been averaging 10-15 pounds with decent numbers of fish into the 20 pound class. The weekend's flat calm ocean was made to order for cod fans but also resulted in heavy private boat activity over the wrecks. Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** spoke of catches ranging from 40 to 80 cod per day since Friday. Hi-hook manages 5-6 fish each trip with the pool falling into the 20 pound class. Gordon called via marine radio on Monday morning to report 30 fish already aboard by 10AM, they ranged from 12-25 pounds.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** said despite heavy fishing pressure on the wrecks, codfishing continues to show improvement with some pretty decent action over the weekend. On Friday, 80 cod in the 6-20 pound range along with some blackfish and slammer blues came aboard. On Saturday, 35 fares accounted for 135 cod to 20 pounds along with a few sea bass. On Sunday, a bluebird day by any standard,

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nearly 50 cod to 25 pounds were culled from a wreck despite heavy boat traffic.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty 3** had a catch of 60 cod on Wednesday including many 25 to 30 pound fish. Pool winner for the day was Joe Hogan with a 35.4 pound cod. Thursday's trip resulted in over 150 cod coming aboard. Friday and Saturday were picky while Sunday saw 40 cod taken by fares. Most were in the 6-12 pound range with 20 pounders accounting for the pools through the weekend.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reported a 42.13 pound cod for shop owner Dick Orlandi on the Pride & Joy. A total of 3 cod were culled from an offshore wreck. Lots of dogfish and bergals complicated the fishing. The crew aboard the Babylon charter boat Cindy Ann encountered similar problems but still managed a ½ dozen cod in the 20 pound range. In the flounder department, Tom reported a fine mess of big flounder for Anthony Romano and a friend. The fish, all in the 1¼-1¾ pound range were taken in Indian Island Cove on worms with heavy clam chum the key.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani reported plenty of flounder still around with some real big ones making up catches. He weighed a 2¼ pounder on Sunday for a local angler. Mike named Bergen Point, Dickerson Channel, Squaw Island and the five to six foot depths on the north side of the bay off of Lindenhurst as consistent producers. The big problem now is acquiring bait. A few white perch around in back of T.S.S. and some of the local creeks. Offshore, some cod being taken on the wrecks along with big blues and a few sea bass. Lots of dogfish still plaguing codfish fans.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** looked over a catch of 10 cod made over an offshore wreck off of Fire Island aboard Bill Miller's Gannet on Saturday. His crew had to fight through lots of dogfish to cull out the cod which ranged between 10 and 15 pounds. One of the first reports of open bottom cod came from Ralph Lennon of the Sailfish. He nailed two fish on Saturday. A local regular by the name of Ricky continues to do a job on big flounder near Squaw Island. His secret according to Ralph is lots of clam belly chum and clam bait. Ralph also noted that a few commercial baymen are still doing well with blue claw crabs in the Sore Thumb Pocket.

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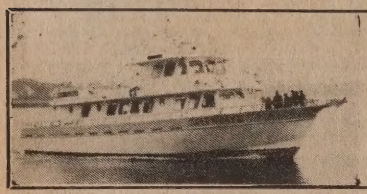

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West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Codfishing appears to be taking all the play these days with nothing under 8 lbs. being reported to us. We know that party boats are getting very decent catches daily with most action on wrecks and vicinities thereof. This weekend with its warm weather brought out a good showing of flounder once again. A fair to good showing of blackfish continue mostly at the inshore and offshore wrecks.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Out of Freeport, Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** had good codding Monday through Wednesday with even more of an upswing Thursday through Sunday. Some fares had 5 to 7 cod a man, with total catches of 50 to 70 cod per day for the boat. Pool fish were in the upper 20s each trip. Fish were averaging 10 to 15 lbs. There was also a scattered catch of sea bass, blacks and blues and, of course, some bergalls. Fishing is being done on wrecks, rocks, mussels and stones.

Dennis Connolly of Bethpage displays a pair of big flounder caught during a recent trip aboard the Freeport based, "Capt. Lou V."

A call to the Captain Al brought forth the fact that Thursday was by far the best day of the week with 26 fares hoisting over 260 cod. Brooklyn angler Hector Hernandez belted 15 cod up to 40 lbs. while Bob Muskiewicz of Valley Stream accounted for 30 cod to 25 lbs. Steve Koerney Sr. and Jr. from Massapequa Park decked 24 cod up to 30 lbs. while Allen Schwarzburg of Bellmore was very content with 12 cod to 30 lbs. Wednesday saw Chuck Dollar of Flatbush with 16 cod to 42 lbs. The beautiful three day weekend saw over 150 cod Friday, approximately 190 Saturdy and close to 200 on Sunday.

A call from Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** also told of good codishing Friday and Saturday but with Sunday action sliding. Friday's pool was taken by Lou Sporazo with Lou totalling 8 cod as well. The boat has been working hard bottom. The skipper asked us to mention that the boat sails exactly at 6AM and is back to the dock by 4:30PM.

Aboard the **Super Spray II** Sunday's codfishing was classified as good but Saturday as tough. On Thursday Rich Pav scored with 9 cod, Paul Kramer with 10, four members of the Herb

Five-year-old Matthew Rostolder appears mighty proud over this nice 3.2 lb. fluke. It was taken aboard his dad's boat near the Warrior Buoy. Photo courtesy of Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook.

Miller group had 23. Fish are averaging 10 to 20 lbs. and pool fish are going 30 to 40 lbs. All action has been on wrecks and there are still tons of dogs on open bottom.

Over in Point Lookout, Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** said the flounder catches were good Friday through Sunday with best action being west of the Loop Bridge from buoy 14 to 17 and in Middle Bay at the top of the tide on worm and clam. The rental skiffs averaged 20 good flounder per boat fish going 1¼ to 3/4 to 1½ lbs. Frank and John Balchiatis and Rich Shustack hoisted 6 cod from Cholera to 10 to 15½ lbs. while anchored and chumming with skimmers.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** on Sunday, the Double T Fishing Club had a good catch of cod on the anchor in the AM and then a pick in the PM while drifting around a wreck. High hook was Steve Kearney with 7 cod. The pool was won by Steve Wojo with a 32 lber. Runner up was Phil Delaney with a 28 lber. Nine-year-old Brian Kearney had 2 cod to 24 lbs. while Angelo Dipierro hoisted 5 to 27 lbs. The skipper advised he still has a

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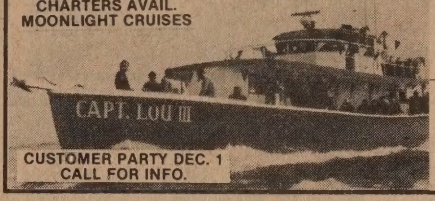

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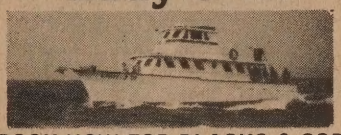

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A call from **Miss Point Lookout** told of the holding steady of the good flounder fishing this week. On Wednesday's AM trip, Earl French bagged a 3 lb. 1oz. flounder. Thurday's AM trip was good with Bob, Chris and Jr. Manning taking 65 flatties. Friday was fair. On Saturday's PM trip, Earl French returned to capture another 25 fish, while Rick Murray was happy with 18. Captain Ron sees a good week of floundering coming up and intends to continue the boat's two trip a day, 7 day a week schedule as long as possible.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Out of Sheepshead Bay, Captain Al Coley's **Betty W. III** had 30 cod Friday, 100 cod for 25 men Saturday and 60 cod on Sunday. Fish are averaging 15 lbs. and there are a scattering of blacks included. A 22 lb. 8 oz. cod is presently leading the boat's codfish derby which is now up to $650. Al is confident that the codfishing will improve even more with some colder weather.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** called to say that due to popular demand he is switching to flounder this Saturday. See ad for details.

North Shore REPORT

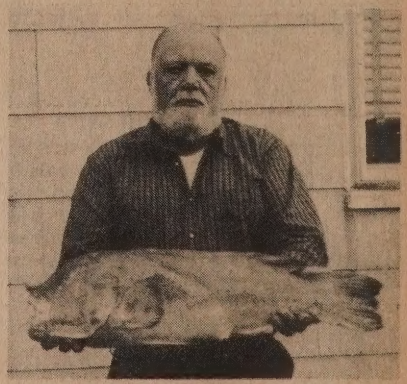
with Marty Garrell

Information became rather scarce this past week with many stations now closed for the season. The pre-winter cold snap before Thanksgiving may have knocked some holes in the flounder fishing because of rapid cooling of inshore waters, but blackfish angling seemed to hold up. Nobody was saying very much, but school bass action with a great many throwbacks seemed to be strong near some North Fork beaches and off Eatons as well.

WESTERN SOUND

Lou Pepe at **John's Gun** in New Rochelle felt that local flounder action was good, but said that sharpies were keeping the location of their favorite spots quiet. There were blackfish to be taken as well, but no bait was available. Bass trollers were scoring on mixed color tubes on umbrella rigs near the Whitestone Bridge and off Execution Light. Roughly 1 fish in 4 was keeper sized.

Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** told us that Center Island was lousy with rat bass and that any pattern of big jointed Rebels would work. These



This 16 lb. 3 oz. "bulldog" blackfish established a new New York State record for Ian Scott Lindsay. The huge tautog, which was boated off Eaton's Neck and weighed at Jack's Bait and Tackle in City Island, is also pending as a new IGFA 16 lb. class world record.

BAIT & TACKLE

Ten-year-old Rachel Hiller holds a big 10 lb. tautog she decked aboard the City Island open boat, "Apache."

fish are virtually all throwbacks. Many buckets of flounder were being hauled from local waters and 40 dozen worms went over the counter by noon on Friday. The shop sold out bait on Sunday as a result.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** out of City Island had a slower weekend but still managed an average of 5 to 10 tautog per fare with typical sizes 4 to 5 lbs. and biggest around 9. He was working Norwalk in 70 feet of water where sinker weights were 4 to 10 ounces. Bites were very light and picky as they have been for most of the season. Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** had similar blackfishing results off Norwalk and Eatons with a "strong pick," but not "red hot" action. Water temperatures are still in the low 50s. Both the Klondike and the Apache have now wrapped up their seasons.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** in Huntington figured that Sunday was a real bonus day and that fishing for this time of year was really "not too bad." Valentine ran out of crabs on Sunday supplying the tautog fanatics working deep water around buoy 11B, Eatons. Crab Meadow had its share of flounder and the norm was the 1/2 lb. size found in the Bay. George said that there were still bass to be taken off Eatons on jigs and umbrellas, but shorts were the rule. Those who had a couple of keepers were looking at 7 to 8 lb. fish from the current school, but one school last week was dominated by fish in the 11-19 lb. group. Valentine is maintaining his stock of worms nd will have them well into the winter; he also informs us that his winter sale

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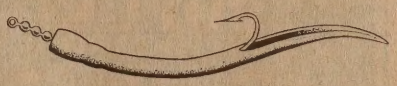

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Ralph's Fishing Station in Mt. Sinai figures that "this is it!" With only frozen clams left in the freezer and inshore flatfishing poor, there was nothing to report. Bass fishermen had the most action on shorts, and trolling was the standard technique.

Sutlers in Port Jefferson reported very good flounder fishing off the docks with a few blackfish left around Old Field and the Harbor power plant. Although bait became scarce on Sunday, Sutlers expects to have worms through Christmas.

Stan at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** had a few small bass himself from the beach at Miller Place, but told us that beach information was very spotty. The Cash brothers hit the Stratford Light in 80 feet of water for a fine catch of tautog, and flounder were available, but small, in the back harbors. Mount Sinai harbor was worth a try for larger fish.

NORTH FORK

The only source of information on Sunday afternoon was Art White of the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport. White now has "damned little bait" left and says that he is "theoretically closed for the season." Private boats apparently were still catching blackfish to the east and trollers were working short bass in customary late fall spots. Flounder fishing was still worth a shot off Orient and around Greenport for those who have not yet given up.

On Monday morning Ed Kopack at **Warren's** mentioned catches of small flounder from the western Peconic Bays around the mouth of the Peconic River. There were plenty of throwback bass on the Sound for trollers, but news of any keepers was non-existent.

It was a battle against the tides for the tautog fleet from Greenport over the weekend, but John Rainis and Dave Brennan persevered to get some big blackfish and good numbers through Saturday. Sunday was the season finale, officially, for the **Peconic Star** and Brennan had 40 aboard for wine and cheese. Rainis intends to continue the party tradition on the final sailings of the **Blue Albatross** next Saturday and Sunday! Tautog are anywhere out to deep 120 feet bottoms, but even 28 ounces couldn't hold bottom at the peak of the tide Sunday. Pool fish were still running better than 10 lbs. and Rainis said he had a 13 lber. on Friday. The problems are complicated by picky bites as they have been all fall. This calls for lots of baits and patience. With good fishing expected to hold through next weekend, Brennan tells us that he'll be down at the dock on Saturday morning with paint brush

and fillet knife and may go either way, epecially if any fares can be mustered.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Big bluefish continue to please casters along south shore beaches through mid-week but have made themselves scarce since then. With good numbers of fish still to our east and even to our north its a safe bet that we have not seen the last of the bluefish. The week produced some scattered bass action with a good showing of fish at Montauk on Friday night. Gary Hall of Sonshine Tackle had a night he won't soon forget. Fishing in the company of just one other angler, John Malencheck of Striper Surf Club, Gary used RedFins to nail stripers of 39.7, 32.2, 30.12, 28.9 and 10.10 pounds. John was busy himself with cows of 41.5 pounds and 30 pounds even. Fishing was done on the Point's south side early Friday night. Other bass news included reports from a reliable source that there was a decent shot of bass on the east side of Shinnecock on Saturday night. Word has it that at least two fish in the 40 pound class were taken among the fish there.

Montauk had other fish along with those taken by Gary Hall and John Malencheck. Bill Nowicki used a Bomber plug to nail a 25 pounder on the south side before dawn on Thanksgiving Day. Bill hails from Astoria. Jason Colby bagged a 32 pound fish under the light on Friday night. As for the bluefishing of the past week, few casters could have had it any better than a handful of Great South Bay Anglers Club members who worked the Robert Moses-Democrat surf. Lou Pagnoni, Neil Sleuter and Marty Beer did a number on big blues on Monday and Tuesday. Monday's action was all bait while on Tuesday, many fish were taken on tin as well as bait. On Wednesday, Hayes Theimann joined the fishing and the group again did a number on the fish a couple of hundred yards east of the point. Casters working Long Cove along FINS on Monday did a bang up job on blues on tins and plugs as well as bait. Some fish were also taken on Tuesday but the action was picky compared to Monday. The most recent bluefish action concerns some fish taken along Montauk's south side Saturday afternoon, but as we said earlier there are still plenty of fish to our east and north and as long as we get the proper conditions along the beach, there should still be some good action coming our way.

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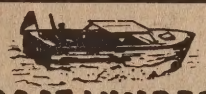

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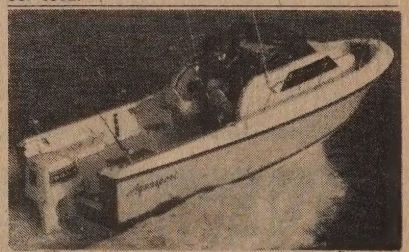

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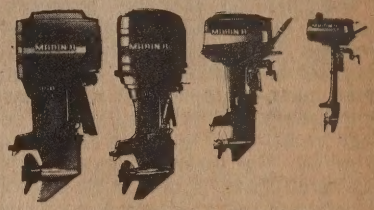

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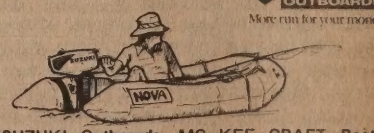

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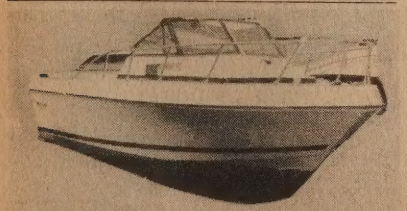

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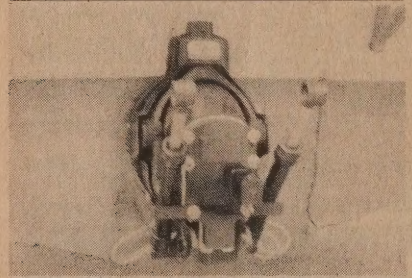

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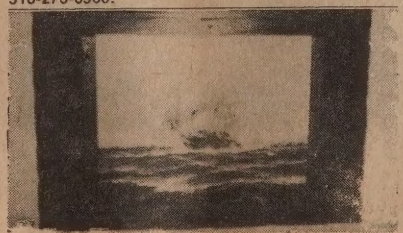

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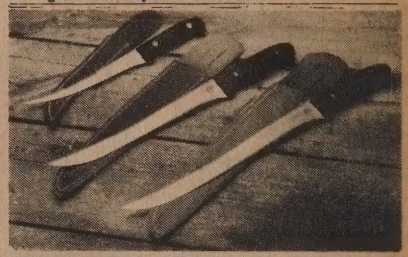

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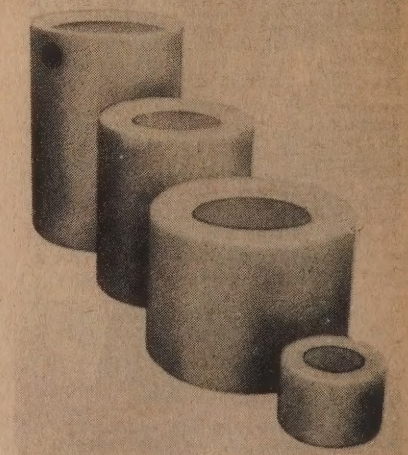

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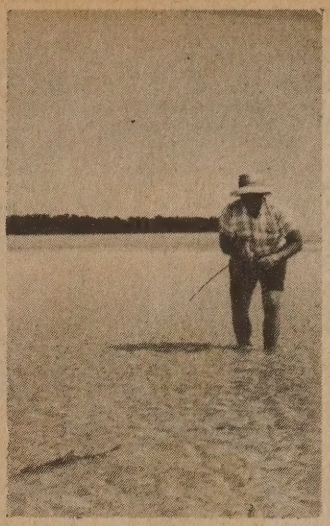

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